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54.	West Bengal	Shankarapur, Dist. Purba Medinipur,	Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture, Aquatic Resources, Govt. of West Bengal,
55.	West Bengal	Sankhrail, Howrah	West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC)
56.	West Bengal	Murshidabad	M/s Pataka Industries Limited

Poultry processing plants

3548. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal for assistance to set up poultry processing plants in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly for Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the processing can screen and detect the Bird Flu that affected/is affecting the birds; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance, for Setting up/Modernization/ Expansion etc., of food processing units which includes mechanized/modern poultry processing plants also.

MFPI has provided financial assistance to ten Mechanized poultry processing units in Maharashtra (3), Karnataka (2), Kerala (2), Punjab (1), Haryana (1) and West Bengal (1) who applied for financial assistance under its plan scheme. None of the proposals of Modern Poultry Processing plants have been received from Uttar Pradesh. During the 11th plan also, if proposals are received from the State(s), the Ministry will provide financial assistance to modernize poultry processing plants under its plan schemes.

The mechanized poultry dressing process involves various stages which starts from ante-mortem inspection of the birds to finished poultry products by way of monitoring of each stage of processing. The ante-mortem inspection of the birds is being done by qualified Veterinarians who screen and reject the sick birds. The detection of Bird flu infection is possible at farm level which has to be confirmed by laboratory examination. Presently, screening/testing of sera for Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) is restricted only to Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories (RDDLs) and sera and Morbid samples at High Security Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (HSADL), Bhopal. However, the various stages of poultry processing such as scalding at 150C water temperature and 50-60 PPM of Chlorine for carcass washing inactivates the virus. Further, strict Biosecurity measures and hygienic conditions in the processing plant can prevent spread of "Bird flu" infection in the processing plant.